[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

State and order that all direct receipts and disbursements of Government money, except the expenditure on the salaries, contingencies, etc., of the Central Account and Audit Office, should be made through the Treasuries or other institutions subject to the audit of the Central Account and Audit Office?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No moneys are received direct in the Audit Office. Disbursements are, however, made in the case of all service payments in the Capital after pre-audit in the Account Office.

(*b*) The present system of payment after audit is effective in *preventing* payment of irregular and wrongful claims and is better than a post-audit system which could detect objections only after money has been paid. The present system, which is prevailing in British India, was introduced here after mature consideration. Government do not, as at present advised, propose to adopt the innovation suggested.

Budget Allotment for the Diversion of the Pandiyan Channel.

5. MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the sum of Rs. 1,500 allotted in the P. W. D. Budget Estimates for 1101 M. E. (Item No. 217-New Works) for the diversion of the Pandiyan channel in the Nuranad *pakuthi*, Mavelikara taluk, is not sufficient for doing even about one-fifth of the work?

(*b*) In view of the fact that the cultivation in about 20,000 *paras* of *punja* paddy fields in Karingalichal *punja* will be protected against loss from floods and that over 2,000 *paras* of wet lands can be sold in auction by Government and newly brought under *punja* cultivation, will the Government be pleased to sanction the total amount required for the purpose, as early as convenient, by means of a supplementary grant or otherwise?

(*c*) In view of the fact that the digging of the channel can be done more cheaply and rapidly through the agency of some respectable inhabitant of the locality with the co-operation of the people, will the Government be pleased to have the work done in this manner at Government expense, under the advice and supervision of the P. W. Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative. The provision made is made only with a view to make a start with the work.

(*b*) The question of a supplementary grant will be considered, if found necessary.

(*c*) This will be considered.

Registry of Lands in the Catchment Area of the Periyar Lake.

6. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answers given to my question on the 1st November, 1923, regarding prohibition of registry of lands in the catchment area of the Periyar Lake, will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether the prohibition of registry of lands in the said area still continues; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have investigated the possibility of assigning lands in the said area for the purpose of cultivation?

(*c*) In view of the answer of Government that "the officers of the Madras Government are against allowing registry of lands in the catchment area," will they be pleased to take steps for getting compensation for the loss of revenue consequent on the prohibition to register cultivable lands in such area?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The whole matter is under the consideration of Government.

Change of name of 'Shanar' Community into 'Nadar' Community.

7. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Was there any prayer from the representative of the Nadar community at the 19th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that the caste name of his community should be changed from 'Shanar' into 'Nadar'?

(*b*) Is it true that, in response to this prayer, Government published a notification in the *Gazette* by which the caste name of the community was changed from 'Shanar' into 'Nadar'?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. A. G. O. was issued, directing that the caste name "Nadar" should be adopted in place of "Shanan" in all official documents.

Change of name of 'Paraya' community to 'Sambavar' community and 'Pulaya' community into 'Cheramar' community.

8. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Were there any representations from the General Secretaries of the Travancore Sambavar *Sangham* and the Travancore Cheramar *Sangham* at the 17th and 18th Sessions of the Assembly that the caste names of their respective communities should be changed from 'Paraya' into 'Sambavar' and 'Pulaya' into 'Cheramar'?

(*b*) If so, what orders were passed by Government on the prayers of these two Secretaries?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No orders were passed in respect of the representation at the 17th Session; and the representation at the 18th Session was recorded.

Number of Graduates among the Depressed Classes.

9. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, among the depressed classes, Cheramar, Sidhanar, Aiyanavar and Pandiyar communities have not yet produced a single graduate in arts and that the Sambavar community possesses only four graduates in arts?

(*b*) If not, will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry?

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